

# ENGR30003: Numerical Programming for Engineers

## Assignment 1, Semester 2, 2017

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**Marks:** This assignment is worth **25%** of the overall assessment for this course.

**Due Date :** Monday, 4 September 2017, 3:00pm, via **submit** on **dimefox**. Assignments submitted within 1 day after the deadline will receive a penalty of 40%; beyond 1 day but within 2 days will receive a penalty of 80% and beyond 2 days will receive a 100% penalty.

### Learning Outcomes

This project requires you to demonstrate your understanding of dynamic memory, linked lists and basic numerical computation. The key objective of this assignment is to solve a set of tasks which involve processing of flow around a flat plate.

### Flow Around a Flat Plate

In the field of Fluid Mechanics, flow around a flat plate perpendicular to the flow direction is still an active area of research. With advent of high performance computing and supercomputers, it has now become possible to look at this simple case with a greater deal of accuracy. The problem consists of a flat plate that is perpendicular to the main flow direction as shown in Figure 1 (left). The blue arrows indicate the direction of the flow while the shaded object is the flat plate. This generates a wake behind the flat plate and exerts a pressure force on the plate, similar to the force you feel when you hold your hand out in a moving car. At a given instant the flow behind the flat plate is extremely complex and a snapshot of the flow domain is shown in Figure 1 (right).

### Working with the Data

For this assignment, you will process the wake data from a flat plate case. The data has been provided to you in a CSV format file ([flow\\_data.csv](#)) with the following form:

```
x,y,u,v
10.028,-20,1.0079,-0.0054866
10.077,-20,1.0079,-0.0054739
10.126,-20,1.0079,-0.0054612
10.175,-20,1.0079,-0.0054484
10.224,-20,1.0079,-0.0054357
```

Each line corresponds to a point in the flow domain with coordinates  $(x,y)$ . The velocities at that given point in  $x$  and  $y$  are given by  $u$  and  $v$  respectively. Positive value of  $u$

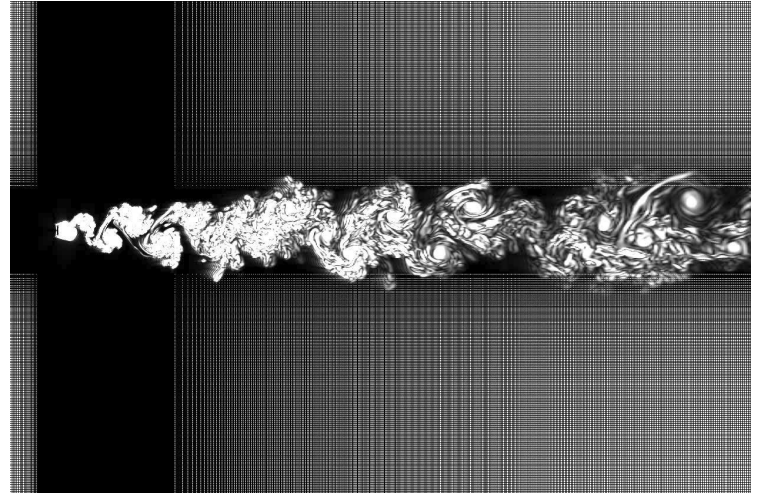
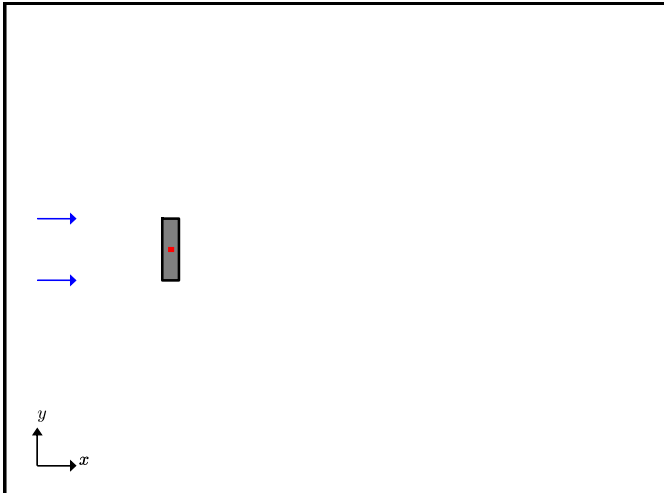


Figure 1: (left) Schematic of problem domain (right) Instantaneous flow field behind a flat plate superposed on the grid

indicates velocity direction is along the  $x$  direction while negative  $u$  indicates velocity direction is along  $-x$ . Similarly for the  $v$  velocity sign.

## Processing Tasks

This assignment consists of four processing tasks which will be assessed independently. For each task you are to measure the run time it takes to complete the described task using your program (see program output below). **Each of the four tasks must not require more than 60 seconds** to run on `dimefox`. This means, in order to complete the task within this time limit, you may need to focus on the efficiency of your solution for each problem. Overall you have to write a single program, performing each of the four tasks sequentially. For each task you have to write your results to a file on the disk.

### Task 1: Maximum Velocity Difference [5/25 Marks]

It is sometimes helpful to understand what's the range of velocities in the flow. For the first task, you must compute the maximum velocity difference in  $u$  and  $v$  after coordinate  $x = 20$ . Specifically, you must output first the two points in the domain where the magnitude of the  $u$  velocity difference is maximum followed by the two points in the grid where the magnitude of the  $v$  velocity difference is maximum. For each set of points, the point with the maximum of the given velocity must be first followed by the point with the minimum velocity. The output should be to the file called `task1.csv` and should be formatted as below. There must be no blank spaces between the values and around the commas. Each value must be written to 6 decimal places.

**It is imperative that you write it out the way described above and shown below otherwise comparing your output to the solution would result in an error and you would lose marks.**

```
x,y,u,v
40.512346,-19.595387,1.007986,-0.001002
66.899192,-0.729056,0.850117,0.0005807
```

```
69.552467,-0.729056,0.852483,0.0004275
60.961891,0.442134,0.838355,-0.0006330
```

The above is an example of what the file should look like and is not the actual solution. Also note that the data provided in `flow_data.csv` is not in any chronological order and you must efficiently look only at points where the value of `x` is greater than 20. You can use `file_io.c` to understand how to output data to a file.

## Task 2: Mean Velocities on a Coarser Grid [8/25 Marks]

Each line in the file `flow_data.csv` is a point location in the domain. These points when joined together will create a mesh (also called a grid). For this task, you will map these points onto a coarser grid, computing the new average coordinates (`xav`, `yav`) and the corresponding velocities (`uav`, `vav`). The flow domain can be thought as divided into a two dimensional grid such that each cell of the grid would contain multiple points, the number of which would depend on the cell upper and lower dimensions and the coordinates of the points. You would compute the average coordinates and velocities for each cell using the formula below for all points  $k$  within a given cell (this is for the `x` coordinate; same formula to be used for `y`, `u`, `v`):

$$x_{av} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i}{k}$$

For the averaged values of the given cell, you must compute it's score  $S$  as follows:

$$S = 100 \frac{\sqrt{u_{av}^2 + v_{av}^2}}{\sqrt{x_{av}^2 + y_{av}^2}}$$

Finally, you must output the results of the averaged values and the score to `task2.csv` in descending order based on the score for each cell. An example of what the output should look like is shown below. There must be no blank spaces between the values and around the commas. Any float value must be written to 6 decimal places as shown:

```
x,y,u,v,S
20.464390,19.001188,1.009472,0.003123,3.614885
26.493395,-2.917140,0.950080,0.003106,3.564577
26.493395,2.922365,0.949606,-0.002937,3.562721
26.493443,10.961477,1.016337,0.001415,3.544763
26.493443,-11.009443,1.016268,-0.001393,3.542255
23.490141,-16.954090,1.010923,-0.002471,3.489632
23.490141,16.966158,1.010908,0.002496,3.488729
```

The size of the grid (number of cells in each direction) must be an input parameter, allowing the code to run different grid sizes. Your implementation would be checked for the grid resolution of 24 i.e. 24 cells in `x` and 24 cells in `y`. The domain extent for this coarse grid in `x` and `y` is 10 to 70 units and -20 to 20 units respectively. An example of the coarse grid is shown in Figure 2 (left). The 24 cells in `x` direction would span from -10 to 70 units while the 24 cells in `y` direction would span -20 to 20 units. Also shown is an example of a cell within this grid. As can be seen, the cell is of width  $\Delta x$  and height  $\Delta y$  and the black dots show the points in the original grid. Once you do the averaging for all these points, you will end up with one average point (shown in red).

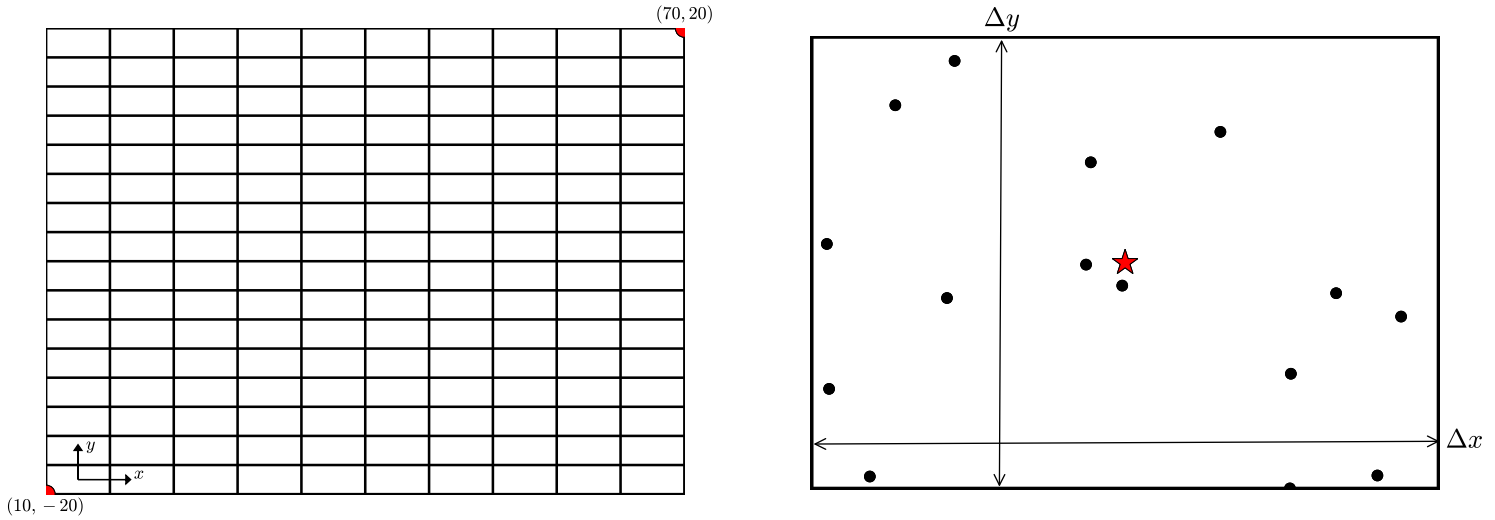


Figure 2: (left) Example of coarse grid with minimum and maximum extent shown by the coordinates (right) Example of a given cell where the black dots show the original points and the star shows the location of the averaged point

### Task 3: Velocity and It's Statistics [5/25 Marks]

For this task, you have to compute the threshold statistics of  $u$  velocity magnitudes i.e. how many points in the domain have the magnitude of  $u$  under 0.5, under 0.6 and so on. Then you must compute the % of points under each band. An example of this is given below.

```
threshold,points,percentage
0.500000,126,11.012561
0.600000,256,22.536942
0.700000,348,30.613564
0.800000,582,51.300236
0.900000,810,71.352145
1.000000,902,79.496213
1.100000,1136,100.000000
```

This example shows that there are 582 points in the domain where the magnitude of  $u$  is under 0.8. You must output the results in the same format as above to [task3.csv](#). There must be no blank spaces between the values and around the commas. Any float value must be written to 6 decimal places as shown above.

### Task 4: Wake Profile Visualization [4/25 Marks]

For this task, you will visualise the wake profile generated by writing the wake boundaries to a text file. To do this, you will first calculate the  $y$  coordinate of maximum  $u$  velocity. This is to be done for locations  $x = 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65$ , i.e. you will look through all the relevant points for each specified  $x$  location to choose the maximum of  $u$  and pick the corresponding  $y$  coordinate. Since the data doesn't contain exact  $x$  coordinates as described here, you will take the  $x$  coordinate which are closest to these these numbers. For instance, the closest number to  $x = 50$  in the data file is  $x = 49.999$ . To pick the relevant  $x$  coordinate, you can use a bound of  $\pm 0.05$  about the

specified location (Note that there is exactly one  $x$  coordinate that will fall inside the bound so you don't have to worry about a tie). Output the chosen  $x$  location and the magnitude of the corresponding  $y$  coordinate in the following format to [task4.1.csv](#). There must be no blank spaces between the values and around the commas. Any float value must be written to 6 decimal places as shown:

```
x,y_h
29.980000,5.921400
49.999001,6.739500
54.983002,6.956200
```

Now that you've obtained the  $y$  coordinates, calculate the spacing for each location using the following formula:

$$\text{spacing} = \text{ceil}(10 * |y|)$$

A skeleton version has been provided to you, complete with the print statements to print out the wake boundary. All you need to do is to obtain the spacings for these 12  $x$  locations into the array `yheight` where `yheight[0]` corresponds to the spacing for  $x=10$ . The output should be written to the file [task4.2.txt](#).

## Implementation [3/25]

Your implementation should be based on the provided skeleton code. A total of [2/15] marks are allocated to the quality of your code:

- Program compiles without warning using `gcc -Wall -std=c99` on dimefox
- Exception handling (check return values of functions such as `malloc` or `fscanf`)
- No magic numbers in your code (use `#define` instead)
- Comments and authorship (top of the file)
- General code quality (use code formatters, check for memory leaks)
- No global variables

The following sections describe the required command line options and program output of your program.

### Command-Line Options

Your program should support the following command-line options:

```
terminal: ./flow flow_data.csv 128
```

where [flow\\_data.csv](#) is containing the flow related data and 128 is the grid resolution.

## Program Output

The program should output the only following information to stdout in addition to the text files for each task:

```
terminal: ./flow flow_data.csv 128
TASK 1: 200.63 milliseconds
TASK 2: 14063.82 milliseconds
TASK 3: 209.46 milliseconds
TASK 4: 221.16 milliseconds
```

For each task, output the time in seconds taken to perform all computation associated with each task. This can be achieved by adopting the [gettimeofday.c](#) code available in the resource for Week 2. After the program is executed, the files [task1.csv](#) , [task2.csv](#), [task3.csv](#), [task4\\_1.csv](#) and [task4\\_2.txt](#) containing the results for the different tasks should be located in the current directory.

**A total of [1/15] marks is allocated for correct implementation of the output format in terms of console output and output written to the result file generated by each task.**

## Provided Code

The following files are provided to you for this assignment:

- [main.c](#), where the parsing of data from command line is to be done and timing for each task implemented.
- [tasks.c](#), where you would implement four functions [maxveldiff\(\)](#), [coarsegrid\(\)](#), [velstat\(\)](#) and [wakevis\(\)](#), for each task.
- Task 4 is in two parts. Code for the second part has been provided to you in the [wakevis\(\)](#) function and need not be modified, as described in the details in Task 4 above and the comment in the skeleton. Stick to this if you want to output the wake profile correctly.
- [tasks.h](#), which need not be changed and acts as a header file to link the C file to the main file.

You are free to use guide programs provided during the lectures on the LMS and adapt them for your use. This could be any of the files like [file\\_io.c](#), [linkedlist.c](#), [bst.c](#) and more. You may also use the header files if needed. Remember to fill in your details in each file you write, such as the student name and student number.

## Submission

You need to submit your program for assessment. Submissions will **not** be done via the LMS; instead you will need to log in to the server [dimefox](#) and submit your files using the command `submit` . You can (and should) use `submit` **both early and often** to

get used to the way it works, and also to check that your program compiles correctly on our test system, which has some different characteristics to the lab machines. Only the last submission will be marked. The submission server may be very slow towards the deadline as many students are submitting. Therefore, please do not wait until the last few minutes to make the first attempt of submission. If you make a submission attempt a few minutes before the deadline but the submission was completed after the deadline, your submission will be treated as a submission AFTER the deadline.

You may discuss your work during your workshop, and with others in the class, but what gets typed into your program must be **individual** work, not copied from anyone else. So, do not give hard copy or soft copy of your work to anyone; do **not** “lend” your “Uni backup” memory stick to others for any reason at all; and do **not** ask others to give you their programs “just so that I can take a look and get some ideas, I won’t copy, honest”. The best way to help your friends in this regard is to say a very firm “**no**” when they ask for a copy of, or to see, your program, pointing out that your “**no**”, and their acceptance of that decision, is the only thing that will preserve your friendship. *A sophisticated program that undertakes deep structural analysis of C code identifying regions of similarity will be run over all submissions in “compare every pair” mode. Students whose programs are so identified will be referred to the Student Center.* See <https://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au> for more information.

All submissions must be made through the `submit` program. Assignments submitted through any other method will not be marked. Transfer your files to your home drive on dimefox. Check the transfer was successful by logging into dimefox and doing the `ls` command on the terminal. Perform the following set of commands on the terminal from your home location on dimefox (making the right folders and transferring the files in the right location):

```
mkdir ENGR30003
cd ENGR30003
mkdir A1
cd A1
cp ../../*.c .
cp ../../*.h .
cp ../../flow_data.csv .
```

Remember to check this folder contains only the `.c` or `.h` files (if you use multiple `c` files and `h` files) you need for the assignment and the CSV data file. Then try compiling your code using `gcc` on the terminal from the `A1` folder, to see if it works. The following compilation procedure must return no errors or warnings:

```
gcc -Wall -std=c99 *.c -o flow -lm
```

Finally, to submit your files use the command `submit` as follows:

```
submit ENGR30003 A1 *.c *.h
```

Wait for a few minutes and then carry out the verify and check steps:

```
verify ENGR30003 A1 > feedback.txt
nano feedback.txt
```

Look through this text file to check (a) your program compiled (b) it executed without error. Please read `man -s1 submit` on `dimefox` for confirmation about how to use `submit`, especially how to `verify` your submission. No special consideration will be given to any student who has not used `submit` properly.

You must also check that you have no memory leaks in your code as loss of memory from your implementation will result in deductions. You can use `valgrind` for this as follows:

```
valgrind ./flow flow_data.csv 24
```

This should output a leak summary such as the best case shown below. It must be pointed out we are not using a small data file so `valgrind` will take longer time to run compared with the normal execution. Plan your submission accordingly.

```
==3887== HEAP SUMMARY:
==3887== in use at exit: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==3887== total heap usage: 53 allocs, 53 frees, 56,921,168 bytes allocated
==3887== All heap blocks were freed -- no leaks are possible
```

**Note :** All submissions should be in C99, and must not use functions outside of the C standard library and maths library. Submissions that do not compile on `dimefox` will lose marks.

## Getting Help

There are several ways for you to seek help with this assignment. First, go through the **Assignment 1 Important Notes** in the LMS. It is likely that your question has been answered there already. Second, you may also discuss the assignment on the **Assignment 1 Questions** discussion board. However, please **do not** post any source code on the discussion board. Finally, you may also ask questions to your tutors during the workshops and if it is still unresolved, contact the lecturer Rui Zhang ([rui.zhang@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:rui.zhang@unimelb.edu.au)) or the head tutor Chitrarth Lav ([clav@student.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:clav@student.unimelb.edu.au)) directly.